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SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMMUNISTS DENOUNCE CZECH EVENTS

1. THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST DAILY, L'UNITA, IN ITS JANUARY  
13 EDITION CARRIES ON ITS FRONT PAGE A LENGTHY AND STERN  
DENUNCIATION OF CURRENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE  
DECLARATION IS SIGNED BY SIX COMMUNIST UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS:

NICOLA BADALONI, PISA; BIAGIO DE GIOVANNI, ROME; LUCIO  
LOMBARDO RADICE, ROME; CESARE LUPORINI, FLORENCE; CARLO  
SMURAGLIA; MILAN; AND ROSARIO VILLARI, FLORENCE. LOMBARDO

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RADICE IS A MEMBER OF THE PCI CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. THE DECLARATION STATES, INTER ALIA: "THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN  
SITUATION....WHICH EMERGES FROM THE 'CHARTA 77'  
DECLARATION... AROUSES CONCERN AND ALARM IN US  
SINCE WE ARE COMMUNISTS. WE INTELLECTUAL MILI-  
TANTS IN THE PCI REGARD WITH GRAVE CONCERN THE

CONSTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE EXERCISE OF CIVIL AND  
POLITICAL RIGHTS, THE IMPEDIMENTS TO THE FREEDOM  
OF RESEARCH. ... WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE  
CURRENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ORIGINATES WITH  
AND IS DETERMINED BY THE EXTERNAL MILITARY INTER-  
VENTION OF 1968, AND THE TRAUMA WHICH IT PROVOKED.  
...WE DENOUNCE THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS AND RENEW OUR  
CALL UPON THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN GOVERNMENT AND ON THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH IN 1968 CHOSE  
THE ROAD OF INTERVENTION TO BRING THESE THINGS TO A  
HALT..."

3. COMMENT. LOMBARDO RADICE HAS PROTESTED CZECH  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST, BUT NEVER BEFORE ON THE  
FRONT PAGE OF L'UNITA. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE  
CURRENT PROTEST HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE PCI LEADERSHIP.  
CRITICISM OF COMMUNIST POLICIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS  
LONG SINCE BECOME A LITMUS OF THE PCI'S CLAIM TO  
INDEPENDENCE FROM MOSCOW'S CONTROL. END COMMENT.

4. SOCIALIST PARTY CRAXI HAS ALSO VOICED A STRONG  
DENUNCIATION OF THE CZECH SITUATION ON THE FRONT PAGE  
OF THE PSI DAILY AVANTI. HE DRAWS THE CONCLUSION  
THAT "NOTWITHSTANDING THE OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY,  
THE PURGES AND THE REPRESSIONS, THE SPIRIT OF "SOCIALISM  
WITH A HUMANE ASPECT IS STILL ALIVE, AND THAT THE  
CZECHS WANT TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE  
HELSINKI AGREEMENT." SEVERAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE  
ALSO PREPARING DECLARATIONS OF CONCERN. VOLPE  
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